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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Wilson

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Staff

25X1 1. Attached for your review is a draft memorandum to USIB principals looking to the establishment of a Strategic Warning Review Group. I am recommending [] as secretary because of his familiarity with DOD warning mechanisms and developments, including NSSM 242 issues.

2. Also attached is a draft of a DCI reply to General Faurer's progress report.

3. As a matter of tactics, I don't think either you or [] should talk to Faurer about the SWS Alert List at this time. Several members of USIB, particularly Hyland, made a strong pitch for continuation of something similar to the old NIC Watch Officers' Notes. Moreover, the Alert List is essentially an analytical tool rather than an intelligence product. If the SWS Monthly Report reflects the same broad scope as the Alert Lists, we would have stronger grounds for raising the issue with Faurer. I suggest we defer action with Faurer (except for the attached DCI letter) at least until we have had a look at the first Monthly Report.

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Acting Chief, PRD/IC

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MEMORANDUM FOR: USIB Principals

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Review Group

1. In response to paragraph 6 of DCID 1/5, I propose to establish a Strategic Warning Review Group consisting of myself as chairman and representatives from the State Department, DIA, NSA, CIA, and the Product Review Division (PRD) of the IC Staff. I have appointed [] ICS/PRD, as secretary of the Group.

2. The principals of the above-named USIB entities are requested to designate members of the Group. Please notify [] of the names of these individuals. His office is in Room 6E2917 at Langley and his telephone number is []

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Intelligence Community

Distribution:
USIB Principals

Info: Army, Navy, Air Force USIB members
Gen. Faurer
DCI

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25 March 1975

Major General Lincoln D. Faurer, USAF
Deputy Director for Intelligence
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Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear General Faurer:

Thank you for your 13 March progress report on the Strategic Warning Staff. It appears to be well launched on its mission, and I look forward to its first Monthly Report.

As you develop the work patterns of the Staff, I urge that you keep in mind that our chief purpose in revising the strategic warning process was to narrow and intensify its focus. I am sure there will be pressures, both within the Staff and from other elements of the community, to broaden its purview to cover issues in the small-area, as occurred in the old Watch Committee. I trust you will resist such pressures, not only to avoid duplicating the work of our current intelligence analysts but more importantly to insure that your analysts are not distracted from the essential function of identifying and assessing strategic warning indicators.

W. E. Colby

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Remarks: <p>Enclosed are two draft documents for your review as follows:</p> <p>a. Memo to USIB principals regarding the establishment of a Strategic Warning Review Group.</p> <p>b. DCI reply to Gen. Faurer's progress report.</p>			
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